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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2-167868, published on June 28, 1990, together with a <u>full</u> English language translation of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 24 of the specification of the instant application; Applicants also note that an English language <u>abstract</u> of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2-167868 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2-167868 were filed in an IDS on October 20, 2003.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-48583, published on February 20, 1996, together with a <u>full</u> English language translation of the same. Applicants note that

this document is discussed on page 24 of the specification of the instant application;

Applicants also note that an English language <u>abstract</u> of Japanese Laid-Open Patent

Publication No. 8-48583 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-48583 were

filed in an IDS on October 20, 2003. and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-265795, published on September 18, 2002, together with a <u>full</u> English language translation of the same. Applicants note that an English language <u>abstract</u> of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-265795 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-265795 were filed in an IDS on October 20, 2003

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not been received in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37

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C.F.R. §1.17(p), to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

> Respectfully submitted, Tsuneo HIRAIDE et al.

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